also immediate commander of the John Adams, Santee and Constitution. June 24 on that year, he took the John Adams to sea "with the least possible delay in pursuit of the privateer Tacony, known to be cruising upon our coast," and in December succeeded in getting orders to active service on the Brooklyn as executive officer. This enabled him to participate in the battle of Mobile Bay, and in subsequent engagements, and, successively, to command the captured confederate ironclad Tennessee, the 3d district of the Mississippi squadron, the Seminole in the blockade of Galveston, and the ironclad Lafayette.

Captain Lull was a Master of Arts of Princeton, a Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, a Fellow of the American and honorary member of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, a corresponding member of the American Geographical society, member of the New England Historical Genealogical society, of the Philosophic society of Washington, of the Navy Mutual Aid, American Legion of Honor, and other beneficial societies. Of his total service of 35 years and 10 months only 2 years and 6 months were unemployed, and he leaves to the service a most worthy example and to his family the precious heirloom of an unsullied record. He was twice married. Two grown children, a son and a daughter, by his first wife, nee Elizabeth Ferguson Buxton, survive him; also a son and daughter of the second, who is a sister of the late Commodore Edward Terry, U. S. N. Mrs. Lull is a daughter of the late Brvt. Brig. General Henry S. Burton, colonel 5th U. S. Artillery.

His remains were interred with every military honor at the beautiful Barrancas National Cemetery on Monday last. All the army and navy officers of the station, a battalion of artillery and marines, the captain and four officers of the Italian corvette Flavio Gioia, and a great concourse of the employés of the navy yard and citizens, both white and black, attended the funeral.

If troubled with cough, cold or sore throat, ask druggist, grocer or confectioner for B. H. Doubless & Sons' Capsicum Cough Drops; 10c. per qr. lb.

A GREAT MISTAKE

Has heretofore been made in the treatment of rheumatism, neuralgia, and nervous or sick headache. This is evidenced by the failure on the part of thousands of sufferers to find relief, even though they have exhausted the skill of various physicians and tried numerous so-called remedies. To such Athlophoros is offered as a *safe, sure* and *quick cure*. Its success has been phenomenal, and yet it is not surprising because it *will* do all that is claimed for it. The Athlophoros Co. will gladly refer any who desire to make an investigation to reliable parties who have been cured by it.

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There is no use of talking or complaining of having rheumatism, just buy a bottle or two of Athlophoros and you won't know what rheumatism is after you take them. I was down with that disease 14 weeks, had the doctor attending, me I was helpless and suffered much pain; well, I was so low it was necessary to have two men to assist and move me in bed. I then, on the advice of a friend who had tried it, commenced using Athlophoros, two hours after taking it, *why I could move my limbs around*, the improvement was so marked and quick we all had a good laugh, so you may know there was a chance. Well I kept on taking the medicine till I used nearly three bottles; yes, sir, that stuff is the best thing in the country for the cure of rheumatism. I like it and could keep on taking it until the "cows come home."

WM. N. BROWN.

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HENRY L. HALL,
Editor "Journal," Willimantic, Conn.

Every druggist should keep Athlophoros and Athlophoros Pills, but where they can not be bought of the druggists they will be

which Mr. Clark regards as vastly better than that at the Stone Pits, which is now approaching exhaustion. At this quarry stone, it is said, can be taken out at a saving of 30 to 40 per cent., and this may become the source of Hartford's future supply. Considering this as only contingent, not assured, Mr. Clark said yesterday, in answer to a direct inquiry, that he should consider that the gift was worth not less than $65,000.

He has owned the place for thirty-five years and it has long been known as "the David Clark farm." He has raised it to a high state of cultivation and it ought to prove a vast addition to the usefulness and the comforts of both of these excellent charities, which thus become so deeply indebted to Mr. Clark for his noble gift. And through them all Hartford owes him its gratitude.

A VERY CURIOUS BEAST.

Hartford Sportsmen See the Ranger of Talcott Mountain and Return Puzzled.

In THE COURANT several days ago appeared a short account of the killing of what was thought to be merely a wild hog that had run at large on Talcott Mountain for some time. On Saturday Mr. P. W. Denslow and a party of fox hunters of this city, who were upon the mountain, heard that the strange animal was still on exhibition in the barn of the man who killed it. The party visited the place, expecting to find nothing but an ordinary hog that had had to pick up a living on the mountain for several years. They came away considerably puzzled as to what they had seen. On Sunday a reporter found Mr. Denslow at his home on the Windsor road and not only obtained a full description of the unknown beast, but saw a bunch of hair which Mr. Denslow had pulled from its back. The alleged hog has little about it that looks porcine except the head, which might pass for that of a specimen from the old pineries of Florida in the "cracker" days. The body is not shaped like that of hog and is covered with a sort of fur close to the skin, and has also long hair like that obtained by Mr. Denslow. This hair is about five and one-half inches long and is straight to about half an inch from the end, where it turns brown and curly. Similar hair covers the whole body, but is shorter on the under part and on the legs. The legs are much like those of a goat, and the hoofs correspond to the legs, the surface being nearly straight and making well towards a right angle with the bottom of the hoof. The tail has none of the characteristics of a genuine pig-tail, being straight and covered with quite long hair like that on the body. The body is about four feet long.

This description is from the inspection of the Hartford party of fox hunters and may be relied upon. As to the habits of the animal there are a multitude of stories. It has been seen at various times for three years on the mountain, but few people ever got a fair look at it as it would dart off at the least alarm. It was light of foot for so large an animal and farmers in the neighborhood relate that after a thaw in winter it appeared by its tracks to have made a practice of coursing like a rabbit. Following its tracks they have found places where it had made long jumps that would have been impossible to any hog except "the specter pig," of unpleasant memory. Furthermore the animal after one of these jumps would strike the ground with its four feet in a bunch, like a goat. If it did half of what is credited to it the dead animal had as little respect for the traditions of swine as its avoidance of them showed it had for men.

About the only thing sure in the premises seems to be that the Ranger of Talcott Mountain is dead and hanging by the heels in a barn. Anyone who wants to see him can do so by going out Albany avenue nearly to the mountain and at a spot opposite the road to the tower turning south and going about a mile. It ought to be worth somebody's while to buy the skin and have it stuffed. The Ranger died in a heroic charge on the enemy from the cover of a clump of bushes and met death at the hands of a stalwart negro.

EXTRA LIABILITY TO MALARIAL INFECTION.

Persons whose blood is thin, digestion weak and liver sluggish, are extra-liable to the attacks of malarial disease. The most trifling exposure may, under such conditions, infect a system which, if healthy, would resist the miasmatic taint. The only way to secure immunity from malaria in localities where it is prevalent, is to tone and regulate the system by improving weakened digestion, enriching

burned, not dangerous. All papers and principal clothing lost. Go home first train. W. S. DEWEY.

Subsequent dispatches report that Mr. Dewey arrived home safely and that his injuries were not serious and he would be out again in a few days.

Mr. William P. Lamb, who also lives in Rochester and is an adjuster for the Phœnix, telegraphed as follows:—

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.

Phœnix Insurance company:—Hotel Richmond burned this morning. Escaped in night shirt and socks. Lost everything else. WILLIAM P. LAMB.

Mr. B. G. Baldwin, formerly of the firm of Pratt & Baldwin, and now a traveling salesman for Jordan, Marsh & Co. of Boston, was at the hotel but had a room on a lower floor and telegraphs that he got out unharmed and saved part of his baggage.

Mr. J. H. Van Beuren, a general agent of the Connecticut Fire Insurance company, was also at the hotel and telegraphs he was only slightly burned, but saved nothing. Mr. Van Beuren's home is at Dunkirk, N. Y.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

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HAVE you awakened from a disturbed sleep with all the horrible sensations of an assassin clutching your throat and pressing the life-breath from your tightened chest? Have you noticed the languor and debility that succeed the effort to clear your throat and head of this catarrhal matter? What a depressing influence it exerts upon the mind, clouding the memory and filling the head with pains and strange noises! How difficult it is to rid the nasal passages, throat and lungs of this poisonous mucus all can testify who are afflicted with catarrh. How difficult to protect the system against its further progress towards the lungs, liver and kidneys, all physicians will admit. It is a terrible disease, and cries out for relief and cure.

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inquiry was set on foot which discovery that her son by a was living in St. Louis. It was his name was William Fres was thirty years old, was ma practicing medicine. The publ wrote to the young doctor to c York, and Tuesday afternoo him $49,261.48 in cash and al bonds, stocks and jewelry, be the proceeds of the estate of saw.

Burglars entered the house Lord, on Washington square, Monday evening, and carried solid silver trays, a plain trav a coffee pot, tea pot, and slop of sugar tongs. All of these solid sterling silver, and valued was also stolen a gold music b in it; a silver box, gold line spyglass, and other bric-à-brac. fear or haste the burglars did hallway into the dining room, v suit of solid gold and silver, pr glass cases, would have been Among this was a silver dinner value difficult to estimate, as it pattern and belonged to Mrs. mother. The booty was pass window to a small iron balcony steps, but is only a few feet abo surrounding the grounds. He dently discovered that more h than could be carried away, an silver dishes and a silver water be discovered at 6:30 the nex Thomas Dyer, the butler.

Some additional information Ansel Bourne,—the Rhode Islan woke up the other day in Norris a two months' "dream" in whic very sanely running a toy sto by the New York *Evening S* years," it says, "he has been su of a peculiar kind, which rend porarily insensible, and on son has remained in an unconscious hours. He has had one or two s paralysis of the brain, and at ti would find himself in different p with no knowledge as to how h these fits or insane moments any length of time, and the pe any fear of his being lost. Abo ago Mr. Bourne created a sensa ing a pamphlet in which he reco rience similar to that of Saul said an angel had appeared to h him to turn from the error of had been extremely erratic up t heeded the voice and became a Gospel."

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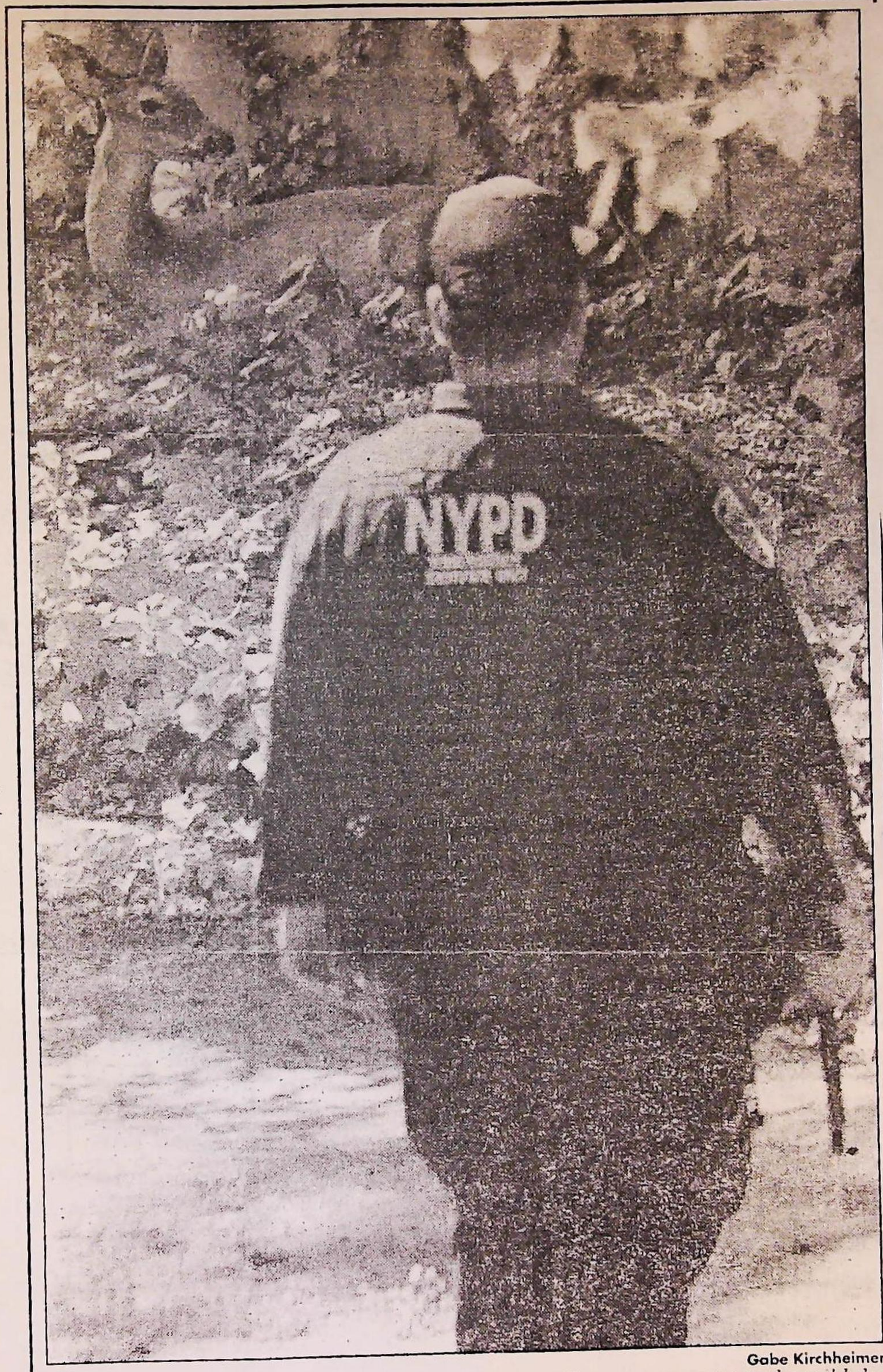

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Wayward Bambi out of the woods

By ROCCO PARASCANDOLA

A wayward doe found wandering in upper Manhattan's Fort Tryon Park was tranquilized steps away from a subway entrance yesterday.

Cops shadowed the 2-year-old whitetail — dubbed Bambi — for more than eight hours until she slipped into an enclosed area.

About 9 a.m., the deer squeezed into Margaret Corbin Plaza, a fenced-in area near West 190th Street and Fort Washington Avenue. Residents watched in amazement as cops took aim and tranquilized Bambi.

"The idea was to do it the safest possible way," said Emergency Services Officer Ed Dalessandro. "Otherwise, we would have been chasing her through the street."

The doe was taken to Green Chimneys, a wildlife refuge in Putnam County, where she was in good condition.

"Call her Bambi," said Faith Elliot, spokeswoman for the city's Center for Animal Care and Control. "It's got a happy ending."

Parks Commissioner Henry Stern said he's temporarily renamed the plaza "Deer Park."

Authorities suspect Bambi made her way to the big city from Westchester, using Amtrak tracks that connect Riverdale to upper Manhattan.

It wasn't clear how long the deer had been in the park. But by 3 a.m. yesterday, the agitated animal had been spotted by passers-by.

Police raced to the scene, where they kept an eye on the doe for hours, until experts determined what sort of tranquilizer to use.

"She's a beautiful animal," Dalessandro said. "Very healthy."

Had the deer kept a lower profile, she could have survived in the park, officials said.

"They're extremely adaptable animals," said Pat Thomas, assistant curator of mammals for The Bronx Zoo.

Togus Pond fish ... a sea robin

By DOUG VANDERWEIDE
Staff Writer

AUGUSTA — It isn't a trout horribly mutated by acid rain. It isn't a prehistoric critter, in the Loch Ness mode, risen from the dark depths of Togus Pond.

But the hideous-looking fish pulled from Togus Pond certainly isn't anything that belongs there, according to a state biologist: it's a sea robin, a creature more at home on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean than tiny Togus.

Department of Marine Resources biologist Lewis Flagg confirmed on Tuesday that the 18-inch, 2 ½-3 pound fish with a huge head and humanlike skin is a sea robin, a fish native to the Gulf of Maine.

The sea robin — originally believed caught by two young boys — was hooked by 17-year-old Randy Sidelinger of Chelsea, who was fishing with his 18-year-old brother Greg early Friday evening.

"My brother saw it, then we put a worm there and it took it, and we reeled it in," Randy said. "It wasn't even a fight."

"It was really ugly," he said.

They couldn't figure out what they had caught, so they took the fish to nearby Abbott's Market. A store clerk called in a local fisherman, who later contacted Game Warden Lloyd Perkins.

Perkins showed the fish to Flagg, who identified it as a sea robin, a groundfish commonly found in 250-500 feet of sea water. Reddish-brown through gray in color, they use their fins for walking on the bottom and are scaleless. They are voracious eaters, and bury themselves in bottom sand when threatened.

Although edible, the fish's unsightly appearance makes them a poor food fish, and those dragged up by trawlers are often sold as lobster bait.

Flagg believes the fish may have been put in Togus Pond a while back, and, because of cold water, has been able to survive.

"I was told that it could (live in fresh water) for a period of days, to maybe possibly several weeks, depending on water temperatures," Flagg said. "In cold water their metabolism is slower, so they might live longer."

The fish also could live in the shallow water of lower Togus Pond because sea robins enter shallow sea water at different times of the year, Flagg said.

There have been reports that a second sea robin was taken from the pond, according to Perkins, but that rumor has not been confirmed.

Randy Sidelinger said he knows some people are claiming the incident is a hoax, but he's not trying to pull a scam. He insists he hasn't fished at the ocean before.

"All I know is, it was ugly," he said.

In any event, people need not worry about Togus Pond becoming infested with ugly seaborne fish, Flagg said. Their eggs are not likely to gestate in fresh water, nor is the geology of Togus at all similar to the sea bottom.

"I'm not worried about getting a big run emerging from the pond," Flagg said.

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A mammoth problem taken in tow

MARATHON, Fla.—Marine Patrol officers have towed to sea the decomposed body of an elephant found in a canal near this Florida Keys town. How the elephant got there is a mystery. "We had no missing elephant reports," said Capt. Mike Long.

The 12-foot carcass was spotted Saturday. Because of the health hazard, a patrol boat put a noose around the elephant and towed it far out to sea, where it eventually will sink.

Patrol officials said the animal might have died on a ship and been thrown overboard.

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U.S. skunks in W. Germany

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Foresters in the industrial town of Gross-Gerau have discovered a variety of ugly American roaming in their woods: skunks.

Officials said they don't know how many of the critters are loose or how they found their way to Hesse.

"This species is not wanted in central Europe because it can disturb considerably the living conditions of our native animals," Karl Schneider, the Hessian agricultural minister, said in a statement.

West Germany has no skunks of its own.

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Lounging lizard lassoed

BROOKTONDALE, N.Y — The 4-foot-long lizard snapped his teeth and wagged his tongue at residents of this town, creating what looked like an outtake from a "B" horror film.

"Apparently, this thing was not very happy and was trying to bite everything in sight," Tompkins County sheriff's Deputy David Bush said after the 5-pound, non-poisonous reptile was captured Sunday.

Several Brooktondale residents spotted the lizard Saturday and tried to catch it, but the animal quickly shredded the paper bag it was stuffed into, said Gordon Gabaree, of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The lizard escaped and apparently spent Saturday night in the woods.

"This is the kind of lizard they use in Hollywood movies with the long waving tail, the claws to dig into the skin and the fork-shaped tongue," said Kraig Adler, a Cornell University biology professor.

The lizard's now in Adler's custody while he looks for the owner. If no one claims the lizard, Adler said, it will probably be donated to the Burnet Park Zoo in Syracuse.

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Rare Beast Struck By Pickup Truck

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Robert Troxell thought he killed a cow when his pickup truck struck a large animal that leaped onto U.S. 15.

Later, state police identified the dead animal as a South South American tapir. Officers said the rare beast had escaped a week earlier from its owner in Natural Bridge, Va.

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Across the USA

News from every state

Alabama: Montgomery — Some rivers and swamps in Alabama are too polluted for people to safely eat fish from their waters. A survey of 34 water bodies found that 17 of them contain potentially dangerous levels of mercury, PCBs and DDT. State toxicologist Neil Sass said most of the waters, while still polluted, are safe for swimming and are getting cleaner.

Alaska: Anchorage — Walter Toolie, 74, spent two days in a snow cave before being rescued. He got caught in a blizzard and his snowmachine ran out of gas as he was returning to the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island from a whaling camp. He was a little dehydrated, but otherwise in good health, rescuers said. Two rescue workers, who disappeared during the two-day search, were found. One suffered frostbite.

Arizona: Phoenix — A bill to protect people from unknowingly purchasing vehicles that have been stripped of parts is headed to the Senate. The House has already passed the bill, which would restrict the ability of insurance companies that recover stolen cars to obtain clean titles instead of salvaged vehicle titles before selling them at auction. Gov. Hull hasn't stated his position on the bill.

Arkansas: Jonesboro — Despite some protests, organizers say rapper Ludacris' concert April 26 will go on as planned at the Arkansas State University's convocation center. The center is school property, but the concert is sponsored by a private promoter. The American Family Association asked promoters to cancel the show after reviewing the rapper's song lyrics.

California: San Luis Obispo — The Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant is storing spent fuel safely and has taken precautions against terrorist attacks, federal officials said. A Nuclear Regulatory Commission official said at a public hearing that the plant isn't a soft target for a terrorist attack. The coastal plant is between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Colorado: Pueblo — Rats, not cigars, are being handed out to celebrate the latest birth at the Pueblo Zoo. The rats are for golden eagles Keesha and Kiya, the proud parents of two eaglets born March 28 after seven years of failed breeding attempts. Zoo officials, who had given up hope of succeeding in the breeding plan, said they were elated by the birth.

Connecticut: Storrs — The first farm animal in the USA cloned from nonreproductive cells has given birth to a healthy calf. Amy, a 3-year-old Holstein cow, delivered a 103-pound bull calf earlier this week at the University of Connecticut. Amy's birth in 1999 broke new ground when researchers cloned her from cells taken from the ear of a 14-year-old Holstein.

Delaware: Dover — A state review panel voted unanimously to recommend that the charter of the Georgetown Charter School be revoked. The 8-month-old school closed three weeks ago, facing a budget shortfall and allegations of financial mismanagement. The closing left about 600 students without a school. School officials refused to comment on the vote.

D.C.: Metro's budget committee voted to recommend buying 250 more compressed natural gas buses. Transit officials see it as a big step toward cutting air pollution in the Washington area, even though a CNG bus costs about $40,000 more than a new clean diesel bus. Metro also has to come up with additional funds to renovate a maintenance facility for the new buses.

Florida: Marathon — The Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys closes from 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday for the annual foot race involving 1,500 runners. The bridge is the longest of 43 on the Overseas Highway, the only surface route from Miami to Key West. The first race in 1982 celebrated completion of the span.

Georgia: Atlanta — Jim Watson will go on trial June 3 for killing his wife, officials said. Watson, 38, was jailed Jan. 15 when he was charged with murdering Beverley Watson, who disappeared from her home five years ago. Her bones were found on a south Fulton County farm in March 1999.

Hawaii: Honolulu — Mayor Jeremy Harris says that a 5% cut in his proposed $1.2 billion budget could result in layoffs and jeopardize public safety. Ann Kobayashi, chairman of the City Council Budget Committee, recommended across-the-board budget cuts but said she wants the cuts limited to 1% involving public safety.

Idaho: Island Park — The U.S. Forest Service doesn't want a wildfire to race into local subdivisions. So the Caribou-Targhee National Forest is developing a plan to build firebreaks up to 500 feet wide between public and private property in eastern Idaho's Island Park area. Public comments are being accepted on the plan through April 29.

Illinois: Simpson — Shawnee National Forest officials are trying to figure out what to do with at least a half-dozen emus spotted in the forest. Officials have no idea how the large, flightless birds got in the forest, and they say their numbers are increasing. Forest officials say the state is responsible for them. State conservation officials deny that.

Indiana: South Bend — A dozen members of the Indiana Ghost Trackers, armed with cameras and night scopes, will be in town Saturday to visit the University of Notre Dame's Washington Hall. That's where the ghost of football player George Gipp is believed to reside. Gipp, an All-American who died in 1920, was made famous by Knute Rockne's "Win One for the Gipper" speech.

Iowa: Council Bluffs — Former Iowa State University President Martin Jischke's name will remain on a new building despite faculty requests to change it. The Faculty Senate said that university rules prohibit a building from being named after a university employee until the person has been gone for five years. Jischke left in 2000 to become president of Purdue University.

Kansas: Leavenworth — A judge approved a settlement between Camp Gaea and the county, allowing the 168-acre spiritual retreat to remain open. Camp operators sued after the county refused last summer to renew their per-

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BRIEFS

5 lions killed in Arkansas town

QUITMAN, Ark. — Lisa Vaughan says her log cabin in the woods was so peaceful that sometimes the only sound that could be heard was the trees swaying in the wind.

Now she's listening for lions.

In the past week, four 600- to 800-pound African lions believed to have some connection to a nearby exotic animal farm have been killed near this central Arkansas town. And residents say the terror may not be over, because no one knows for sure whether more lions are on the loose.

"I had a terrible headache and my blood pressure has been up. ... It's been a long ordeal," said Vaughan, whose husband, Johnny, killed two of the lions with his .30-06 rifle.

"Everybody is scared around here," added neighbor Arvil Skinner. "People have to sit out with a high-powered rifle just to let their kids play in the yard.

"That's just how serious it is. It might be all right and it might not. They might still be out there. We just don't know."

lawsuit that seeks to force them to pay for health monitoring and kick-the-habit help for a least a half-million Louisiana smokers.

Opening statements had been set Tuesday, but the start was postponed Monday until Oct. 2 because of plumbing problems in the courthouse. Further delays are possible because the tobacco industry is asking the Louisiana Supreme Court to postpone the trial.

It took more than a year to seat a jury while lawyers appealed decisions by the judge, and the high court disqualified several potential jurors. Jury selection was completed Friday.

Attorneys have given no estimate of the cost of health monitoring for healthy smokers and stop-smoking programs for those want to quit.

The defendants include R.J. Reynolds, Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson.

Cary Grant stamp will be issued

WASHINGTON — Debonair leading man Cary Grant will be honored with a postage stamp next month.

The Postal Service said on Monday the 37-cent commemorative stamp will be issued Oct.

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Home, where the elephants roam

African animal transplant proposed for Plains

By Joseph B. Verrengia
The Associated Press

DENVER — Lions stalking deer in the stubble of a Nebraska corn field. Elephants trumpeting across Colorado's high plains. Cheetahs slouching through the West Texas scrub.

Prominent ecologists are floating an audacious plan to transplant African wildlife to the Great Plains of North America.

Their proposal is being greeted with gasps and groans from other scientists and conservationists who recall previous efforts to relocate foreign species halfway around the world, often with disastrous results.

The authors contend it could help save Africa's poster species from extinction, where protection is spotty and habitat is vanishing. They also believe the relocated animals could restore biodiversity on this continent to a condition closer to what nature was like before humans overran the landscape.

They suggest starting with zoo animals. The perimeters of newly created reserves would be fenced.

"We aren't backing a truck up to some dump site in the dark and turning lose a bunch of elephants," said Cornell University ecologist Harry Greene, one of the plan's authors.

While most modern African species never lived on the American prairie, the scientists believe that today's animals could duplicate the natural roles played by their departed, even larger cousins — mastodons, camels and saber-toothed cats — that roamed for more than 1 million years alongside antelope and bison.

Relocating large animals to ecological parks and reserves over the next century would begin to restore the balance, they said.

The scientists' plan appears in today's issue of the journal Nature.

A similar park is being established in Siberia. Scientists are importing bison from Canada to replace the native variety that vanished about 500 years ago.

Some ecologists said it is important to try such a bold plan. Otherwise, they said hundreds more species are likely to go extinct in coming decades and entire ecosystems like grasslands will fundamentally change.

The plan is triggering thunderclaps of criticism, with discouraging words like "stupid" and "defeatist" raining down in torrents.

Scientists point to Australia, which was overrun by rabbits and poisonous cane toads after species relocations.

"It is not restoration to introduce animals that were never here," University of Washington anthropologist Donald Grayson said. "Why introduce Old World camels and lions when there are North American species that could benefit from the same kind of effort?"

Given the continuing political struggle over the reintroduction of wolves in the rural West, others wonder how African lions would be at home on the range.

"How many calves or lambs would it take to feed a family of lions for a month?" said Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

The renewed presence of many large mammals might turn back the ecological clock in a variety of subtle ways.

For example, elephants eat woody plants that have overtaken grasslands. Could they act as Rototillers to restore the prairie?

Lions would be a harder sell, even if they would thin elk herds.

"Lions eat people," said co-author Josh Donlan of Cornell. "There has to be a pretty serious attitude shift on how you view predators."

Osama wants cohort's body

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden called on President Bush in an audiotape released Friday to release the body of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and said Jordan should allow the slain terrorist to be buried in his homeland.

In the 19-minute message, bin Laden paid tribute to al-Zarqawi and said the former al-Qaida in Iraq leader had been under orders to kill Iraqis who supported U.S. forces in the country. He also vowed more attacks against the United States in the Middle East and Africa.

"We will continue to fight you and your allies everywhere, in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Sudan to run down your resources and kill your men until you return defeated to your nation," he said, addressing Bush. His voice sounded breathy and fatigued at times.

FDA OKs generic Zoloft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first generic versions of Zoloft, the top-selling brand-name antidepressant in the United States, received federal approval Friday.

Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. said it will make generic versions of the drug, also known as sertraline, in 25-, 50- and 100-milligram tablets. Roxane Laboratories Inc., based in Columbus, Ohio, will make a liquid concentrate version of the drug, the Food and Drug Administration said.

Pfizer Inc.'s patent on Zoloft expires today. The New York-based company is authorizing its own generic version of the drug to undercut its generic competitors.

There's a monkey in my yard

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP) — Andrew Padilla first saw the monkey in the backyard of his Palo Alto home, hanging out by a fence. He thought it must be a squirrel.

It turned out to be a marmoset — and one that was a long, long way from its native home in the rain forests of South and Central America.

"I wanted to adopt him," Padilla said. "He was so cute and friendly."

Padilla said he fed the stray monkey bananas and crackers before calling the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA to report him.

"We thought, 'Sure. What have you been drinking?' But when our officer arrived, there he was," said Scott Delucchi, spokesman for the animal care agency.

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